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In re Application of:)
Wendelin FRICK et al.) Group Art Unit: 1626
Application No.: 10/606,771) Examiner: D. Lambkin
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For: BENZOTHIOPENE 1, 1-DIOXIDE DERIVATIVES, A PROCESS FOR THEIR
PREPARATION, PHARMACEUTICALS COMPRISING THESE COMPOUNDS, AND
THEIR USE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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Assignee, Aventis Pharma Deutschland GmbH, duly organized under the laws of Germany, represents that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified application, Application No. 10/606,771, filed June 27, 2003, for Benzothiepine 1, 1-Dioxide Derivatives, A Process For Their Preparation, Pharmaceuticals Comprising These Compounds, And Their Use, in the names of Wendelin FRICK et al., as indicated by an assignment duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 011019, Frame 0234, on August 18, 2000. Assignee, Aventis Pharma Deutschland GmbH, further represents that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent Nos. 6,221,897, 6,441,022 and 6,642,269, as indicated by the same assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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The undersigned is an attorney of record as indicated in the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed with this application on June 27, 2003.

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